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WEEKLY PROGRESS REPORT NO. 8 (1-9-76 THRU 1-15-76)

REF: LOU MEXICO 0541

1. SUMMARY.

NOW THAT THE HOLIDAY SEASON IS OVER, WE ARE SEEING AN
INCREASED COMMITMENT AND ACTIVITY ON THE PART OF GOM
TO THE ERADICATION CAMPAIGN. HERBICIDE SPRAYING IS
INCREASING AND THE COMMITMENT OF MEXICAN
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SOLDIERS FOR MANUAL DESTRUCTION OF OPIUM FIELDS IS MORE

EVIDENT.
END SUMMARY.

2. ERADICATION

(A) STATISTICAL SUMMARY

ZONE 1 - STATES OF SONORA, SINALOA, DURANGO
AND CHIHUAHUA.

OPIUM

FIELDS DESTROYED - 22 (MANUALLY)
SQ METERS DESTROYED - 102,225
PLANTS DESTROYED - 2,475,125
HECTARES - 10.22

OPIUM FIELDS DESTROYED BY HERBICIDES

FIELDS DESTROYED - 131
SQ METERS DESTROYED - 410,725
HECTARES - 41.07

MARIJUANA

FIELDS DESTROYED - 17 (MANUALLY)
SQ METERS DESTROYED - 34,285
PLANTS DESTROYED - 572,770
HECTARES - 3.428

MARIHUANA FIELDS DESTROYED BY HERBICIDES

FIELDS DESTROYED - 55
SQ METERS DESTROYED - 126,582
HECTARES - 12.658

ZONE 2 - STATES OF JALISCO, NAYARIT, COLIMA,
ZACATECAS AND MICHOACAN.

MARIHUANA

FIELDS DESTROYED - 38 (MANUALLY)
SQ METERS DESTROYED - 42,000
PLANTS DESTROYED - 917,000
HECTARES - 4.2

ZONE 3 - STATES OF GUERRERO, MORELOS & OACACA.
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OPIUM

FIELDS DESTROYED - 112 (MANUALLY)
SQ METERS DESTROYED - 1,479,040
PLANTS DESTROYED - 30,870,505
HECTARES - 147.9

OPIUM FIELDS DESTROYED BY HERBICIDES

FIELDS DESTROYED - 25
SQ METERS DESTROYED - 70,000
HECTARES - 7

MARIHUANA
FIELDS DESTROYED - 22 (MANUALLY)
SQ METERS DESTROYED - 109,050
PLANTS DESTROYED - 2,590,600
HECTARES - 10.9

(B) CUMULATIVE ERADICATION STATISTICS (ALL 3 ZONES)

OPIUM
FIELDS DESTROYED - 976 (MANUALLY)
SQ METERS DESTROYED - 5,879,381
PLANTS DESTROYED - 93,913,415
HECTARES - 587.93

OPIUM FIELDS DESTROYED BY HERBICIDES
FIELDS DESTROYED - 337
HECTARES DESTROYED - 229.07

MARIHUANA
FIELDS DESTROYED - 500 (MANUALLY)
SQ METERS DESTROYED - 1,679,824
PLANTS DESTROYED - 41,625,928
HECTARES - 167.98

MARIHAUANA FIELDS DESTROYED BY HERBICIDES
FIELDS DESTROYED - 71
HECTARES DESTROYED - 15.15

(C) PERSONNEL DEPLOYMENT
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PURSUANT TO THE MEETINGS THAT DR. GERTZ HAD WITH MILITARY ZONE COMMANDERS (AS REPORTED IN THE PREVIOUS WEEKLY REPORT, MEXICO 0541) THE 9TH MILITARY ZONE OF THE STATE OF SINALOA HAS 111 MEN ACTIVELY INVOLVED IN THE ERADICATION AND ANOTHER 40 INVOLVED IN ROADBLOCK INTERDICTION ACTIVITIES. IN THE SOUTHWESTERN AREA OF THE STATE OF MICHOACAN, THE 6TH INFANTRY BATTALION IS ACTIVELY ENGAGED IN MANUAL ERADICATION WITH APPROXIMATELY 80 SOLDIERS COMMITTED TO THIS ACTIVITY. IN THE STATE OF GUERRERO, THE 27TH MILITARY ZONE REPORTS COMMITMENT OF 55 SOLDIERS AND THE 35TH MILITARY ZONE REPORTS 33 SOLDIERS INVOLVED IN ERADICATION ACTIVITIES.

(E) AVIATION OPERATIONS

SUMMARY: SENIOR STAFF ANNOUNCED THEY HAVE APPROVED AN INCENTIVE PAY SYSTEM FOR PILOTS AND MECHANICS. PILOT SALARIES ON A MONTHLY BASIS WILL FLUCTUATE BETWEEN 9,000 AND 22,000 PESOS CONTINGENT UPON LONGEVITY, EXPERIENCE, AIRCRAFT CLASS AND TYPE, SAFETY RECORD, AND TYPE OF MISSION FLOWN. THE PERSISTENT PROBLEM OF FIXED PAY FOR MECHANICS REGARDLESS OF LONGEVITY, TRAINING, AND OTHER QUALIFICATIONS WAS RESOLVED BY DR. GERTZ. MARISCAL-FLORES HAS BECOME MORE ACTIVELY INVOLVED SINCE THE LOSS OF CAPTAIN BEST; HOWEVER, THE WORKLOAD ON PROF. SOLIS IS STAGGERING AS HE IS HANDLING AVIATION, OPERATIONS, MAINTENANCE, MOPSS, TELECOMMUNICATIONS AND CONTRACT NEGOTIATIONS. BOTH SOLIS AND MARISCAL-FLORES WERE ORDERED BY DR. GERTZ TO RECRUIT ADDITIONAL PERSONNEL FROM THE PRIVATE SECTOR TO MEET PERSONNEL REQUIREMENTS. PRIORITY WAS ACCORDED TO LOCATING AN AVIATION OPERATIONS MANAGER AS RECOMMENDED BY THE STEERING COMMITTEE. END SUMMARY.

1. NUMBER OF HOURS FLOWN AND AVAILABILITY:

9-15 JANUARY 1976

(A) MODEL 212 - 80.48 HOURS: AVAIL. 67.6 PERCENT

(B) MODEL 206B - 80.48 HRS: AVAIL 63.3 PERCENT

(C) CESSNA 185 - 27.0 HRS: AVAIL 87 PERCENT

(D) AEROCOMMANDER - NO INFO AVAILABL ON
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HOURS FLOWN FOR THIS PERIOD. AVAIL. 66.6 PERCENT
BELL HELICOPTER CO. PRODUCTION CONTROL TECH INFORMED US THAT DUE TO LACK OF ADEQUATE COMMUNICATIONS AT SOME SITES WHERE AIRCRAFT ARE DEPLOYED, THEY ESTIMATE THAT REPORTED HOURS MAY BE 20 PERCENT UNDER THE ACTUAL FIGURE. FOR THE FIRST TIME SINCE REPORTING INITIATED, ALL TYPES OF AIRCRAFT HAVE ATTAINED A MORE UNIFORM LEVEL OF AVAILABILITY, WHICH, PRESENTLY AVERAGES 71 PERCENT.

2. THREE MODEL 212S ARE PRESENTLY DOWN WITH TWO MORE EXPECTED SHORTLY TO BE DOWN DUE TO INITIAL MODIFICATIONS AND INSTALLATION OF RECENTLY ARRIVED MICRO-FOIL SYSTEMS.
(BET, BEV, BEM, BES, AND BAT).

3. MAINTENANCE: DR. GERTZ ORDERED PROF. SOLIS TO RESTRUCTURE MECHANIC SALARY SCALES BY JANUARY 22, USING THREE LEVELS CONSISTING OF 6,000, 8,000 AND 10,000 PESOS PER MONTH IN ORDER TO RETAIN PRESENT MECHANICS AND ATTRACT ADDITIONAL LICENSED MECHANICS. (STEERING COMMITTEE RECOMMENDED HIRING 20 MORE MECHANICS IMMEDIATELY.)

4. PFOF. SOLIS DESIGNATED ENGINEER MUNDO LOPEZ

(PRIVATE SECTOR) AS HIS ASSISTANT TO DEVELOP AND IMPLEMENT STANDARD ADMINISTRATIVE SYSTEMS ON MAINTENANCE AND OPERATIONS.

5. PILOTS: DURING MEETING WITH MARISCAL/SOLIS TO DISCUSS PILOT STATUS, THEY REPORTED PRESENT CADRE IS NOW 54 (FIVE-FOUR) PILOTS IN FOLLOWING CATEGORIES:

- (A) MODE 212 - 21
- (B) MODEL 206-B - 18
- (C) CESSNA 185 - 6
- (D) MULTI-ENGINE - 9

THE AG AEROSERVICE THUS HAS MET THE OBJECTIVE OF A 1.25 PILOT RATIO PER AIRCRAFT. SOLIS/MARISCAL DEVELOPED A LIST OF BOTH 206-B AND 212 PILOTS WHO WILL BE ASSIGNED TO SPRAYING OPERATIONS.

(F) MOPS AND OTHER POPPY DETECTION INTELLIGENCE
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1. NUMBER OF MISSIONS AND HOURS FLOWN BY
UNIT.

- INFORMATION NOT AVAILABLE.

2. NUMBER OF PERSONNEL ON ACTIVE DUTY BY UNIT.
- INFORMATION NOT AVAILABLE.

3. COMMENTS ON MANAGEMENT, OPERATIONS, AND
USE OF MOPS IN PLANNING AIR OPERATIONS.

3.1 THE NEW MOPS GROUND EQUIPMENT, WHICH ARRIVED IN MEXICO CITY IN EARLY DECEMBER, IS NOT YET IN USE. PROF. SOLIS STATES THAT IS PLANNED THAT THE TWO TRAILERS WILL BE PLACED IN OPERATION AT THE NEW HANGAR FACILITY NEXT WEEK. THIS MAY BE A VERY OPTIMISTIC FORECAST. IT WAS SUGGESTED TO HIM THAT IT WOULD BE MORE USEFUL TO TRANSPORT THEM TO CULIACAN, WHERE BOTH AIRCRAFT ARE TO BE STATIONED. HE WILL CONSIDER THE SUGGESTION.

3.2 INSTALLATION OF THE ON TRACT II NAVIGATION SYSTEM IN CX-GOZ IS COMPLETED. THE AIRCRAFT IS TO DEPART JANUARY 16 TO JOIN XC-BOL IN CULIACAN.

3.3 DURING MEETING ON JANUARY 14, PROF. SOLIS INFORMED USG ADVISORS THAT THE PROGRAMMED TRAINING COURSE FOR MOPS ELECTRONIC TECHNICIANS WILL NOT BE REQUIRED SINCE THEY ARE ALREADY FAMILIAR WITH SIMILAR EQUIPMENT. AFTER DISCUSSION, HE AGREED TOMRN: 1976STATE 016486

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